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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY IN ZAIRE

1. CHAIRMAN JAPANESE DELEGATION TO CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETINGS IN KINSHASA TOLD E/C COUNSELOR, JAPAN AND GOZ ON JOINT VENTURE BASIS CURRENTLY EXPLORING FEASIBILITY ERECTING ALUMINUM SMELTER IN LOWER ZAIRE BASED ON IMPORTED A BAUXITE FROM GUINEA AND ELECTRICAL ENERGY FROM INGA. CHAIRMAN UNABLE INDICATE SMELTER CAPACITY OR COST.
2. SAUNDERS OF KAISER ALUMINUM HAS TOLD EMBASSY THEY ARE INTERESTED IN AREA. ACCORDING EXIMBANK OFFICIAL CURRENTLY HERE KAISER HAS DISCUSSED MATTER WITH EXIMBANK AND HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MOVING FORWARD.
3. CHAIRMAN JAPANESE DELEGATION AT CG MEETINGS STATED JAPAN WOULD BE PROVIDING \$125 MILLION FOR THE BANANA-MATADI RAILWAY PROJECT, WHICH MAY INDICATE SPHERE JAPANESE TRYING TO ESTABLISH IN LOWER ZAIRE WHERE CHEAP AND PLENTIFUL ELECTRICAL ENERGY AVAILABLE.

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4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS STATE AND COMMERCE ADVISE

OTHER POTENTIALLY INTERESTED US COMPANIES OF
EXISTING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF
ENERGY PROBLEM IN US. DECON UPON RECEIPT.
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